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“Merry Christmas to One and All”

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

CHRISTMAS

by Father Thibault Star of the North

While being led on in meditation by Fr. Berghardt's beautiful Christmas sermon consigned in his book "All Lost in Wonder", I thought it might be good to share with the readers of the St. Albert Gazette the thoughts that filtered through me. Once each year we recapture the world's greatest love-story, a story with a human touch: a Baby shivering in the straw; a young mother, eyes lit up with love and whose hands laid her Child in a feeding trough; it tells how God trained a choir of angels to sing in the sky, and how their first carols sent shepherds scurrying over the hillside to tell the Infant how they loved Him.

There is human beauty in the Christmas story. John the Evangelist knew all that, and yet when he set his pen to paper, he wrote the world's greatest love story in one line: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (Jn. 1: 14) That line takes the human beauty of the story and links it with the divine. On a magic carpet it takes us from the cold stable and carries us back thousands of years to "a paradise of pleasure". (Gn. 2:9) It shows us the first man, and the first woman, and the first sin, and the first blush. Time without number sculptured in human flesh the Pieta no artist can capture: Eve cradling the body of Abel in her arms, unable to understand that for the first time life has gone out of a human being. And the first tears fell. Sin - concupiscence - death: the mess of pottage our first parents purchased with our birthright.

But if there is one thing stronger than sin, it is love. Immediately after the sin of Adam, God had promised to raise up a New Man and a New Woman, he had promised a barrier of grace between the devil and her, between his sin and her Son. He would crush his head.

Only God quite saw the full beauty of the redeeming promise. Only God quite saw how He would shape a child untouched by sin, and call her Mary. How the chalice of her womb would reach to the womb of eternity, and Mary would give to our world not a mere man, but a God-man, and call Him Jesus. How the second person of the Blessed Trinity who had always been a Son, would become a child. How a child would lead us back to God, because He himself is God. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us".

You see, Christmas means nothing, unless it means that God pressed upon the sin-scarred, tear-stained face of humanity a passionate kiss of peace. Man did not need angels, shepherds, treasure-laden kings that night, man needed only one thing: Christ. Only a God-man could give what man needed most: forgiveness. Forget forgiveness and Christmas means very little; forget forgiveness and the crib means more than Christ; forget forgiveness and Christmas is a feeling. What then is the purpose of Christmas? Simply this. Christ was born to bear other Christs. Christmas is meaningless unless it means not only Christ-in-a-stable, but Christ-in-a-soul, in your soul. Only the first Christmas took place in a stable; every Christmas since then has taken place in human hearts; every Christmas since then has meaning inasmuch as it records the rebirth of Christ in man. As St. John expressed it, "He came to His own and His own did not welcome Him. But all who did welcome Him He empowered to become the children of God, all those who believe in His name. Their birth came not from human stock, not from nature's will or man's, but from God's." (Jn. 1: 11-13)

"The Word was made flesh". That line takes the human beauty of the Christmas story and links it with the divine. It puts God in the straw, and the hands that hold Him are the hands of the Mother of God. The caroling angels are the servants of the Child, and the shepherds were made by Him. The Christmas star is His toy and he alone is true King. And man can sing a lullaby to God, because "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us".

by Rev. H. R. Onishenko
Pentecostal, St. Albert

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be on His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace."

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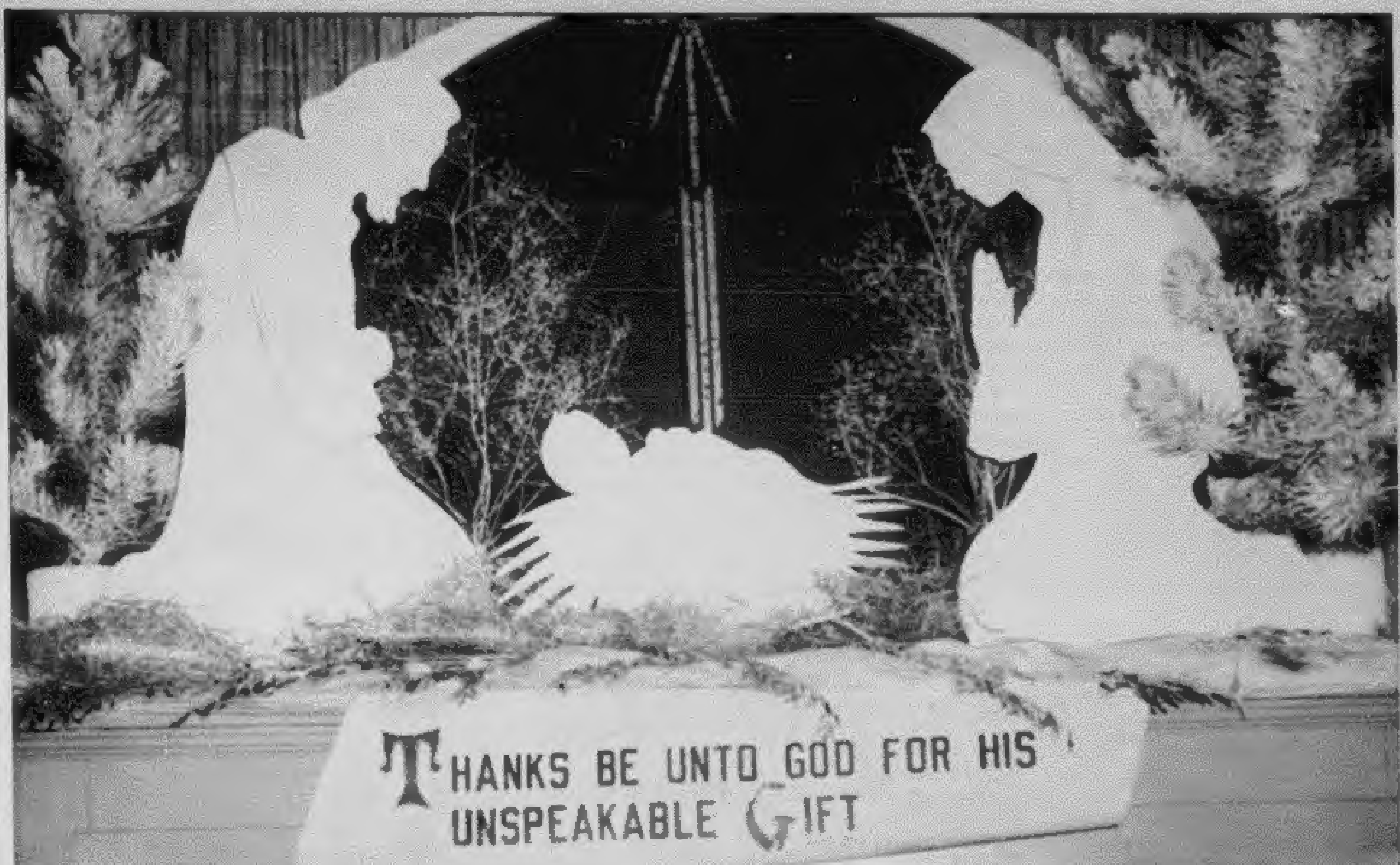
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. ALBERT

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Amazing that eight hundred years later this prophecy was so minutely fulfilled. Ironical that oppressed Israel who had long waited for a deliverer, a peace-maker, should reject Him when He came. He did not meet their expectations. "He came to His own, but His own received Him not."

Supernaturally inspired prophetic words:

A child would be born — a Son given — a government established —. Much later an angel of God assures and comforts a bewildered young lady, Lk. 1, Chap. V.30. She would conceive supernaturally. Soon again; an angel announces the fulfillment of a long awaited promise. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which 'is Christ the Lord'. Hallelujah, what a Savior who can take a poor lost sinner, lift him from the miry clay and set him free, I will ever tell the story, shouting glory, glory, glory! Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me." Have you experienced His divine forgiveness, His cleansing power, His pardon? He will lift you out of despondency, for He is able, will you let Him?

Know this, He is not a little child today — the child became a man, and the man was the Son of God, Incarnate! "the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us". He proved His deity by His mighty miracles. He healed the sick, He cast out devils, He raised the dead. He ate with despised publicans and sinners, forgave the condemned adulteress, and rebuked the selfrighteous religionist, "though ye believe not me, believe the works" Jn. 10:38. This is the true Christ of Christmas!; this is the mighty Son of God Who still today challenges the hearts of men, yea even unto martyrdom. "Go ye into all the world", "take up your cross and follow Me".

The prophet said of Him, He is Wonderful — because of His stainless nature, Mighty God — because of His divine power, Counsellor — giving wisdom to all who humbly ask, Everlasting Father — merciful to all repentant prodigals, The Prince of Peace, in whom alone is true peace for the human heart, and for the whole world.

Peace, peace, wonderful peace

Peace, peace, glorious peace,

Since the Redeemer has ransomed my soul

I have peace, sweet peace.

The songwriter expressed a profound reality that many pursue, but too few experience.

The world can tolerate a babe in a manger, yea, even become somewhat sentimental about it. Friend, beyond the manger was a despicable cross! It is here that two streams of humanity divide. Are you choosing the path of least resistance? Only two ways! What will your decision be?

How sad, how tragic, when all the tinsel is put away, the candles are burned out, the bewildered empty heart questions, "what was it all about anyway?"

To Israel the promise came eight hundred years later. Another two thousand years have passed by, yet things seem to continue as they were, although the mills of God grind exceedingly slow, they grind exceedingly sure! He has promised to return again, this time not as a helpless babe, later despised and forsaken, but as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords — "and of His Kingdom shall be no end". He shall rule in righteousness! Now we are one Christmas closer to this promise.

To all the People of St. Albert

Merry Christmas
and
God's Blessing In 1965



Father G. Chevrier O.M.I.
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GAZETTE PAPER BOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All the Gazette paper boys and girls are invited to the annual Christmas Party this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mr. W. Netelenbos.

GAZETTE NEWS

Our next issue will be the annual Christmas issue, distributed on Christmas Eve. There will be no Gazette published between Christmas and New Years. The first issue in 1965 will be January 6. All copy for this issue should be submitted no later than January 4.

Subscription Fee Starting January 1965 a subscription fee of 25¢ per month will be charged. The paperboys will collect this money at the end of each month.

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by Mrs. R. Lefebvre

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John Michael, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Flaherty. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Martindale godparents.

Denise Thérèse, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bedell. Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Nelson, godparents.

Midnight Mass

There will be two masses, one following immediately the Midnight Mass.

Confessions on Thursday

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

2:00 - 5:00

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Hours of Masses on Christmas Day are the same as on Sunday.

Ordination

At 12:30 p.m. Sunday, His Excellency Mgr. Anthony Jordan conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders on three Priests, Reverend Father Ovila Gobeel, Reverend Father Alfred Groleau and Reverend Father Roger Habert. A banquet was prepared in the Parish Hall for guests and the families of the newly ordained priests, which was served by the Ladies of the Catholic Women's League, marking the day as a memorable and joyous occasion. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

A well attended Sunday School Christmas Party was held at the Nickerson School on Saturday last. After opening with movies, the program moved on as planned by the Sunday School superintendent Mrs. O. Grice, with Dr. A. Proudfoot acting as M.C. An outstanding part in the program was played by the J.A. with their Christmas Pageant. Music was provided by Mr. D. Thompson at the piano, and after a period of suspense, a perfect Santa arrived well suited to the occasion. On behalf of the little ones - a big thank you to this welcome visitor.

Christmas Program

11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist.

9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion for the family.

11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Day Carol Service.

1st Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Holy Baptism and Carols. Youth groups parade.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE BIBLE

IN THE

SCHOOLS

Public School System Unfair

?

"Teacher suspended, charged with ridiculing Christianity", "teachers balk at bible and prayers", "clergy blames schools for lack of religion", etc., etc., are the topics in our daily Alberta newspapers in the past month. The controversy regarding religious education at schools is getting hotter and hotter. Dr. Lupul's protest against government subsidizing church schools has launched numerous letters to the editor, with numerous views and solutions. Up to now, we honestly must say that practically all the writers or speakers have either expressed their opinion about a matter which they do not understand, or with the intention of promoting their views in this very important problem of life and future of our youths.

What is Christian Education

With Christmas so close to us we may ask our selves what is the deep meaning of the Christmas celebration. Such a question analysed, can help us to understand some of the mixed opinions regarding religious education. What do parents, who are the only ones in authority to decide if their children should or should not have religious education, think about Christmas? For the parent who has God and His word, the Bible, as the family head, the answer is clear, without any misunderstanding, that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, son of God, the Savior of the World. With this confession, such a parent wants Christianity in his church, in his home, and also in his children's school. For such parents, God is Christ, not only the God of the Church, and in his home, but a God for all his life, every minute, every second. Such parents are responsible that their children, a gift of God, are guided towards Jesus, not only in the Church, or in the home, but also in a Christian atmosphere in the school. Such parents have promised to their God that they will conduct His gift through the world in respect and awe for their creator, King of Kings. Such parents have the Bible for their secure guide, not only in the Church, or in the home, but also in the school. The enormous responsibility of positive Christian parents, is so many times underestimated by those who celebrate Christmas as the festival of light, with the moving story of the little Babe in Bethlehem, but who deny and do not believe that this Babe was the Son of God who came on earth to bear our sins, to die for us, and who is sitting on the right hand of God our Father. How can one expect those Christian parents to send their children to a school where God is not recognized as the Head of the school, where school boards do not recognize that they have a responsibility to God, and where teachers do not believe in the Bible as the only directive for life? How dare we protest that these Christian parents must follow the neutral line in our public schools thus undermining their highest principles which they have given to their children from childhood on, in church and home. Why must the children of the Christian parents miss a Christian atmosphere during the long school hours? Who dares to talk about freedom in our country if this matter of life principle for these parents is not respected but completely neglected?

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Roman Catholics

The Roman Catholics knew why they were fighting when they wanted a school system of their own. Christianity as the basis of their lives continues also in their schools. They didn't ask for their own school system because they wanted to split or to segregate, but rather because they are good Christians who follow the order of their master Jesus Christ as good soldiers. In their schools they are assured of a Christian atmosphere. In their schools God is the head and when they officially open a school, their priest, as a servant of God, blesses the school, school board, staff and children. Roman Catholic teachers are not just responsible to their principal or the School Board, but directly to God. In their eyes, the School Board is only an instrument in the hand of God, to build and operate the school. This is Christianity with no frills.

Segregation

The tragedy in this province and so many others is that Christian Education is not allowed for the Christians of the Protestant faiths. Yes, it is allowed, if these Protestant Christians are willing to pay for this 'privilege', which means that they have to pay double over their taxes. Who was talking about segregation? In our eyes, having no Christian schools for Protestants is worse than the bad racial segregation situation in the southern U.S.A. Have the Protestant ministers of so many Protestant churches forgotten that the education of their children is a matter for God alone, and that certainly children from Christian parents should not be forced to take 30 hours per week lessons from teachers who are not only atheists, but whose respect for the Bible and God in many cases is at the lowest level. Is it only the task of the Protestant church to organize Sunday schools once a week and not to bother what the influence of the rest of the week will be? We cannot blame our government if the Protestant churches as a unit remain silent in the Christian Education for their children. The question is not to have a Bible in the school, but to have the Bible in the Christian schools.



This is a Bible Class being held in a basement in our town. These classes would not be necessary if we had a Christian School teaching Christian Education.

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A warning comes to us from Germany at the time of the Nazi ascendancy. The first things to go were not Germany's sense of right and wrong; rather it was her foundation, the belief in the power and control of the world by Almighty God. In this period an American clergyman spoke of the matter to the Swiss theologian, Emil Brunner: "It seems almost unbelievable that Germany, with its long Christian tradition, a nation that has given to the world many of its greatest spiritual leaders, should so soon have turned from the faith of the fathers and become pagan." Dr. Brunner replied, "Ah, that is where you make your mistake; the paganism of Germany was no sudden thing. For over half a century God and religion have been disappearing from the schools of Germany. Education has become secular. A generation has arisen which acknowledges no God and no longer regards those basic moral sanctions which are the foundation of national and international harmony and decency."

Church Schools

We agree that Church schools are not the solution for Christian Education. We recognise and believe that a school should not become part of a church. An inter-denominational Canadian national school, with the Bible, guiding our children towards Jesus, under the supervision of our Christian teachers and Christian school boards is the only solution. But we must admit that as long as such a school system is not allowed, there is no choice for many Christian parents but to send their children to Church school to assure a Christian education. But as long as the majority of the Protestant ministers are not front line soldiers for Christian education in Christian schools, no government will feel the necessity of considering such a system. As once in the past, our churches failed to solve the social problems of the labourers, which was solved by non-Christians, we pray that our churches will not fail again in their responsibility to God to secure Christian education for children of Christian parents.

Religious Education

Much is said about religious education. Let's face it that religious education is something else than Christian education. To study the religions of other faiths, not only critically but also factually, is a necessity for the general education of all our children. Religious education teaches our children to respect the beliefs of others and to recognize that the other believers also want to be, in their way, good and honest citizens of our society. The talk these days in newspapers, radio and TV is all about religious education. It is beside the point. It is not the task of the protestant churches to argue about religious education. It is their task to talk and fight for Christian education as a Christian church, as Christian ministers.

What about Non Christians

Let us make it quite clear to Dr. Lupul, Mr. Hertzog and supporters, that they have the same right to say and to promote that they don't want church schools, the Bible in the school, Christian education, etc., as the Christians have to promote their school system. Non Christian parents must have the right and must be assured that their children will not receive any kind of Christian education. Although we are very strong believers and promoters of Christian education, we do not hesitate to state that we support the right of non-Christians to have schools without the Bible and without Christian education. We grew up in a nation where non-Christians supported Christian schools and where Christians supported schools without the Bible. This attitude of recognising the rights of an individual is always to be respected. As the situation is now, we have some public schools who do not respect the principles of non-Christian parents, as there are public schools who do not respect the principles of Christian parents. Both sides are right in their protests and both sides are often treated unfairly.

Public Schools

Our public schools system is the source of many of our present troubles. We are more and more surprised that pro and con Christian education supporters do not see that the present public school system should be abolished as soon as possible. Christians and non-Christians can live in our society happily together if we do not

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create places where their principles must clash with each other. Such a place is the public school, where Christian and non-Christian school board trustees, teachers and children must work and grow up together in complete difference of opinion in the most important things of life. Worse, they are not even allowed to express their highest principles with the slogan "keep your mouth shut". What can one expect from school boards, teachers and children if they have to live in such a situation? It is creating trouble after trouble, as we have seen so clearly in the past month. And what do we think about them forming human character (so important in the schools) if you have to watch your principles at least 5 hours a day? How long will this ridiculous situation carry on at our public schools. If non-Christian parents are happy with the present situation at the public schools, that's all right, let them have it. It proves undoubtedly that the public school doesn't carry Christian education. But these non-Christian parents should also realize that for the Christian parents such a school system is not water or wine, not hot nor cold, which means that God is not the head of this school system.

The Solution

After what we have said, it will be clear that to avoid unpleasant situations in our society, and to encourage freedom, respect and rights for each other principles, a third school system added to the two present ones is the only solution to our Christian education problems. At present we have the Roman Catholic system, sometimes operating under the name of separate, sometimes under the name of public school. How frustrating!! With Roman Catholic principles and education, this school system is already generally accepted by the majority of our people. Besides this Roman Catholic Christian education school system, a Canadian school with the Bible, non-denominational for all Protestants should be formed to assure Protestant Christians of Christian education at their schools. And for all the others who do not want religious education, the public school system would be the place where non-Christians can be sure that their children can be protected from any kind of Christian or religious education. These three school systems, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Public work perfectly in other countries, and it would certainly in Canada, avoiding all the miserable troubles of the past month between teachers and students. And it would also bring peace and rest to all of us. With these three school systems, we would learn to respect the rights of otherwise minded people, and we would even support each other to keep these rights assured, not only for the sake of our children, but also for the sake of freedom of expression for the student, the teacher and the school board.

A tree stands out against the sky,
Adorned with lights to please the eye,
And people see from near and far
Atop the tree..... a shining star.

A hospital, flowers and a crisp white bed,
A mother's hand strokes a tiny head,
And father's heard to proudly say,
"Our son was born on Christmas Day".

At home, a look of utmost joy
Lights up the face of girl and boy;
At last, the family's come together
To open up their store of treasures.

And so it was in years gone by.....

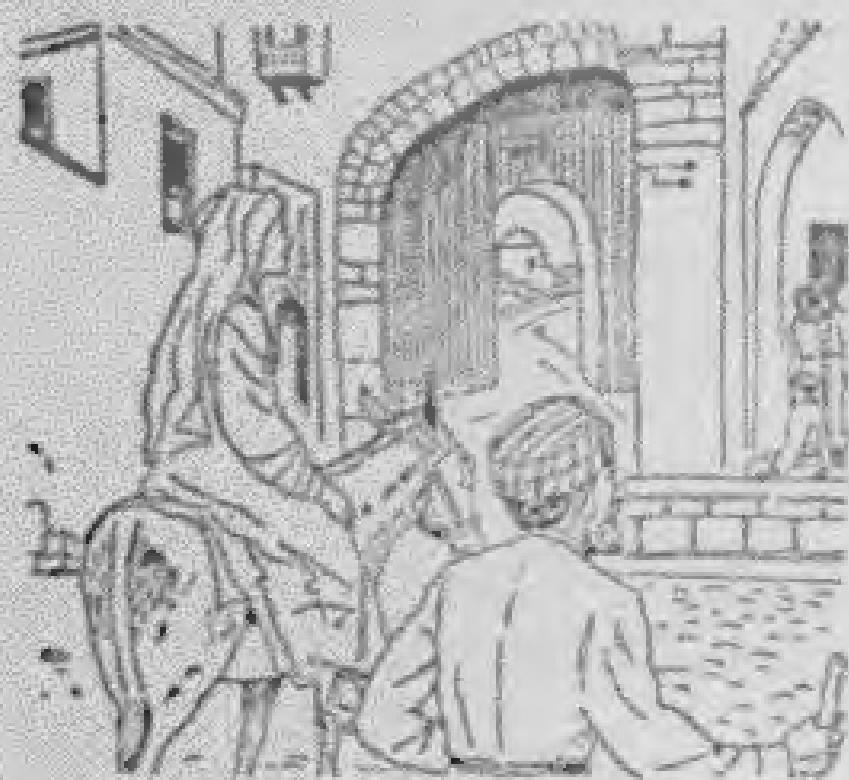
A shining star hung in the sky
And, in the warm sweet-smelling hay,
Man's Savior - Baby Jesus - lay

..... A truly Happy Christmas Day!



The Great Story

CHRISt might have chosen to come as an earthly king, amid regal splendor, but such would not have suited the purpose of his life upon earth. He was born in the simplest of surroundings and walked the earth as a leader and teacher of men. There had been false prophets and pretenders through the course of time, so the road was not made easy. Through great examples, great teachings, through His great faith and through performance of a few chosen miracles, Jesus Christ gathered about Him true believers, who were to carry our message to the distant corners of every land: "Truly He is the Son of God."



HE CHOSE the quiet, sequestered atmosphere of a stable. History does not record, but we might safely assume that this stable was not the most pleasant of surroundings. It was a crude shelter for animals and as such certainly not suitable accommodations for human beings. Crowded as Bethlehem was at the time, it is safe to assume that other travelers had turned their backs upon the dark atmosphere of the stable and chose instead the chill of the night air. But the traveler from Galilee was forced to seek some form of shelter for a wife who was with child. Joseph, a carpenter by trade, nonetheless was a proud man. We must wonder how difficult it was for him to be practical and accept the fact that poor shelter was better than no shelter at all.



RARELY do we find in the writings since that time reference to the idea that the stable was dirty and unkempt. Instead, the manger scenes that have become so popular depict the stable always clean and beautiful. This is quite proper, for it is all so true that the greatness of the event which took place is such that there is room for no more than beauty in the eyes of the beholder. The precious Jew who shared in the Miracle of Bethlehem were made to realize the momentous event that was taking place. The child, wrapped "in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger" was such a glorious sight to behold that an ethereal beauty touched the whole surroundings. The dirty, unkempt stable, because it was the only shelter available to the weary travelers, was transformed into a holy place of ground.



IN THE LIGHT of the star they came, these wise men from the East. No ordinary men were they, nor poor travelers. They had not come with the thousands to register in accordance with the wishes of Herod. These men owed no allegiance to Herod, nor to one another. Each man was a king in his own right. The bond between them was a bright and shining star which told of the fulfillment of prophecy. So it was they came, following the light of the star until it came to rest above the stable in Bethlehem. Humbly bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they came forward, these kings, to kneel reverently before the manger and pay homage to the newborn babe they believed to be the "king of kings."



SHEPHERDS came down from the hillside, where an angel had appeared to tell them of the great happening at Bethlehem. Bearing their simple gifts, these humble men came to kneel in the shadow of the quiet stable, side by side with the three kings from the East. As the magic star had guided the kings across many lands, the messenger of God appeared on the hillside and instructed men of simple faith to come forth and acknowledge the birth of the Saviour. And, that is right, for He is the King of kings and the King of men; He is the King of the near and the King of the far. Generations as yet unborn shall be amazed at the wisdom of His kingdom.

THERE IS one most impressive fact to consider when we think about the Story of Christmas. Let us call it the importance—or the sacredness—of truth. It is not surprising that a story so old, so oft-repeated, and many times translated from tongue to tongue continues to remain the same! Centuries of telling and re-telling have not altered a single matter of life or situation. Many of the customs and traditions associated with the observance of Christmas may change with the times, often differ greatly from one country to another, yet the Story of Christmas is forever the same. It needs no embellishment. In humble surroundings Jesus Christ was born unto the world. Until He died on the Cross of Calvary His life upon earth was one of humility, faith, endurance and highest example.

MANY TIMES in our busy, work-a-day world we hear the cry that "Christmas is too commercial."

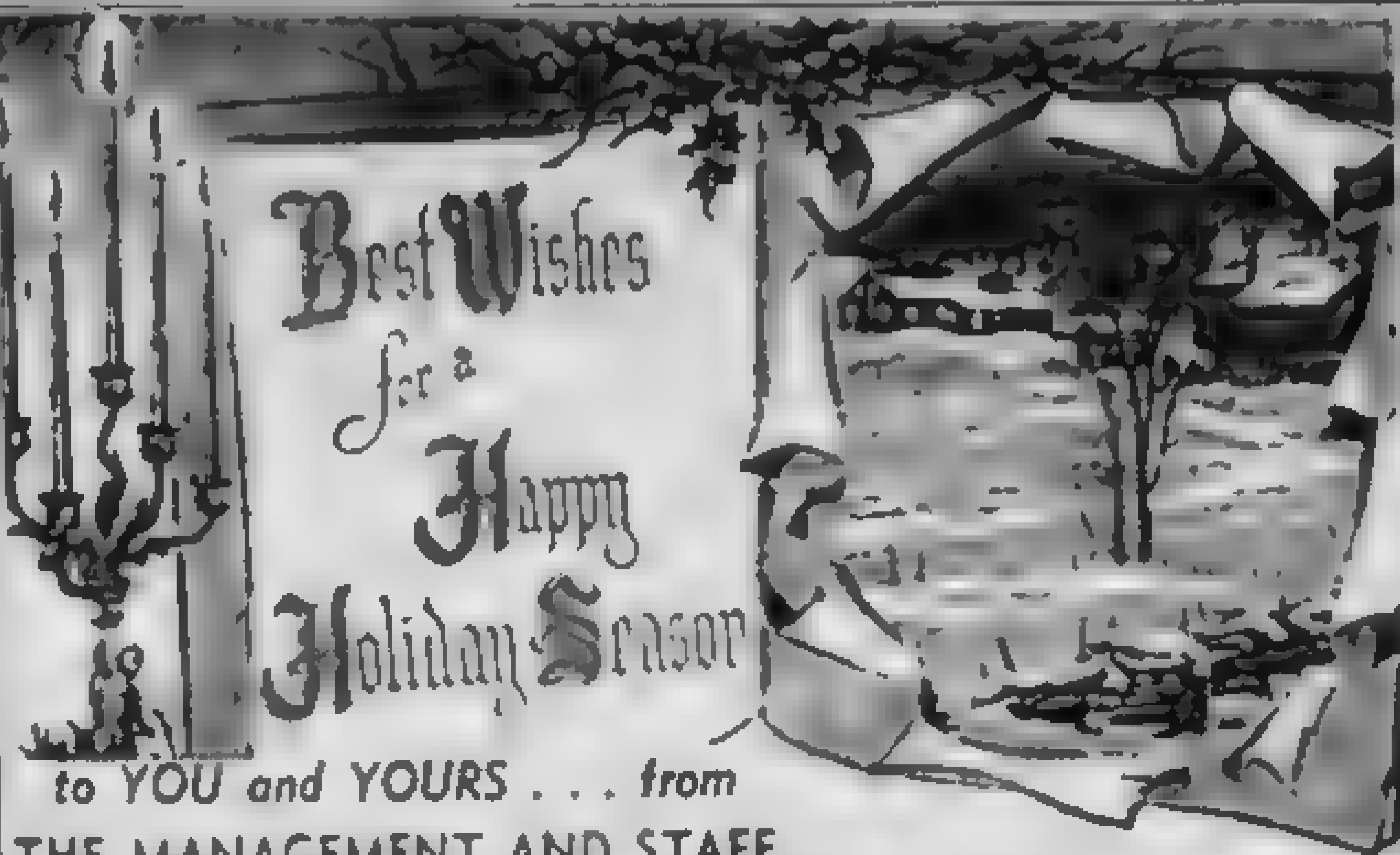
Certainly, none may deny that there is much that is commercialized. If it is too much, the fault belongs equally to us all. It is not necessary that we work so hard at "keeping up" with the folks across the street or down the block. We need not let our observance of the holiday get out of hand merely because others are unreasonable. Instead, we can work to promote among family and friends a realization of the true and complete meaning of Christmas. If we do this, we place emphasis where it properly belongs. We turn our thoughts and our footsteps to the church by the side of the road; we give thanks that on this day a Saviour was born.



AND EVEN unto this day there are disbelievers. It is true that He came to save all mankind, yet His legacy provides nothing more than opportunity. Each man is granted the right to seek out eternal salvation; but there are no provisions to insure that every individual make the effort. Each man must build his own bridges along the pathway of life. For those who would follow in His footsteps, there is no stronger working tool than faith. During His life upon earth, Jesus Christ many times was benched by the sick and the lame and the infirm to perform miracles and make them "whole." Time and time again, He would ask one question: "Do you have faith?" When there is faith, and only then, is the miracle possible.



SO NOW AGAIN it is the season of Christmas. The Story of Bethlehem will be told and re-told, in manuscripts and in cinema, by the open fire and in the quiet darkness of a child's room. And, certainly the real meaning of the Christmas story will touch many hearts for the first time. For as many as believe, there will be special meaning in the merry lights, the bright trees, and the outward trappings we have come to know so well—for these shall share in realization and appreciation of the fact that on this day God sent His only Son to save the world.



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Holiday Season

to YOU and YOURS . . . from
THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

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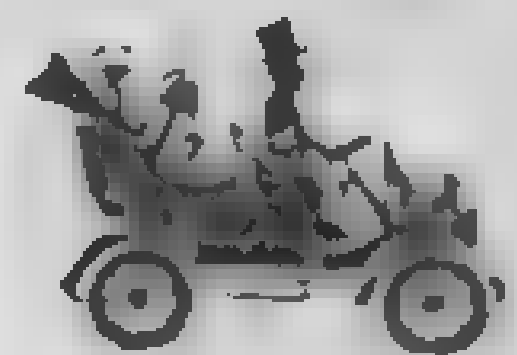
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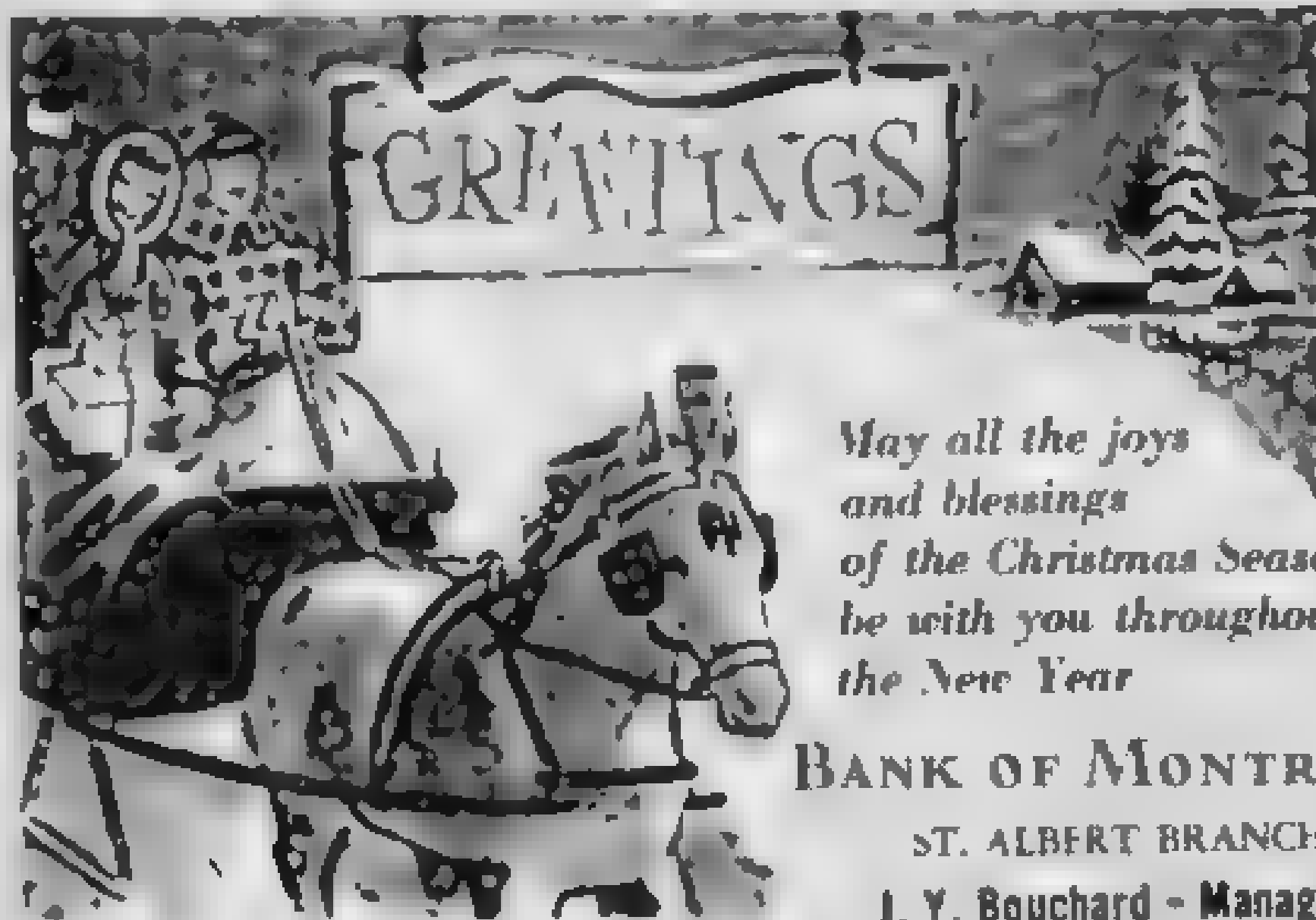
The front cover was designed by Helga Jacob who teaches Arts and Crafts at a boys' club in Calgary. While studying Arts and Crafts at the Southern Institute of Technology, she was awarded two scholarships.

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Greetings
and
A New Year
of
Happiness.



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May all the joys
and blessings
of the Christmas Season
be with you throughout
the New Year

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ST. ALBERT BRANCH

J. Y. Bouchard - Manager

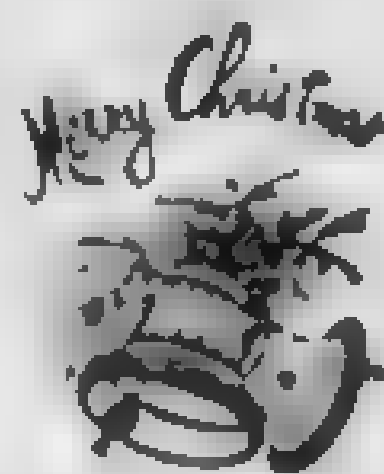
THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
CLUB MOCOMBO

With to extend their best greetings to all the
many friends who attend to this festive season.
Also, a prosperous New Year to all. The pleasure
will be ours to have you all again next year.

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Very Merry Christmas



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ST. ALBERT 50 YEARS AGO



The old wooden bridge in St. Albert in 1911. The stone arch was used by Verre's (now 'Lumber's') and it was a general store, selling alone, with Verre in charge of business. Lumber of merchandise, the owner of confectionery. Mr. Lumber was his own clerk, which was good, except by all the children. This store was on the east side of River St. in the town where the St. Albert river, is now located.

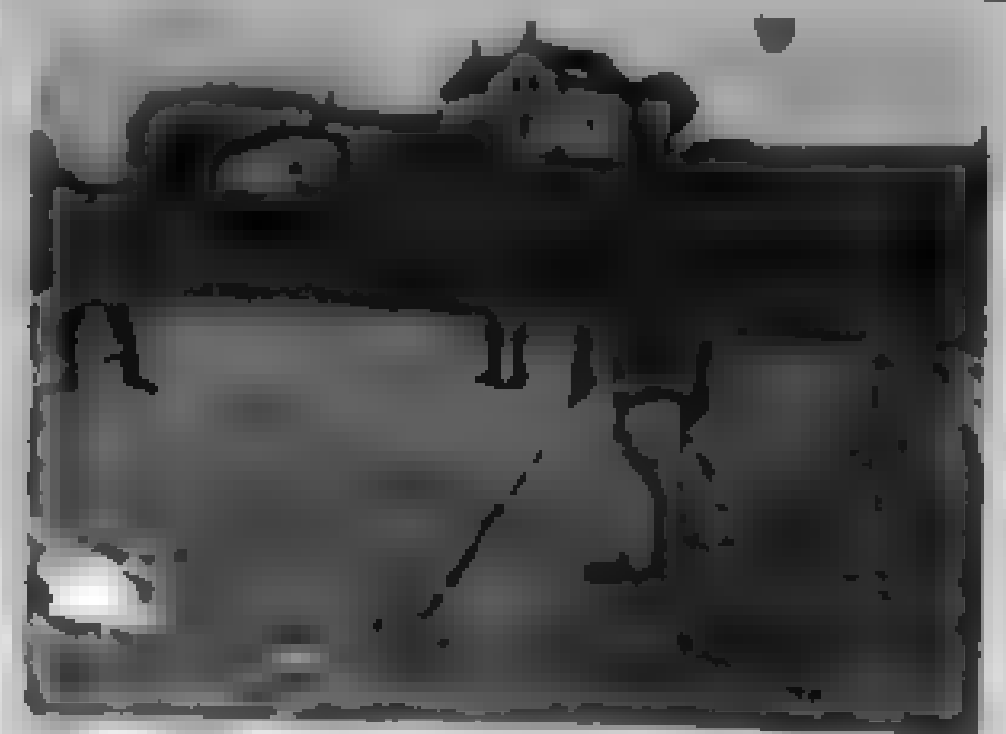
This was not the original bridge built by the town, but a small one. In 1911 a steam engine tried to cross the bridge, the driver was nervous about crossing with his heavy engine. However, he could not wait until the river froze enough to hold him. He started across and the engine broke through the bridge and he was drowned. After this accident it was decided to build a new bridge, the present steel one.



St. Albert Comet Club, 1914. In 1914, St. Albert had a Comet Club, located on the south west side of the Sturgeon River, where John Verre's now lives. The Comet Club was a very active, social club in the afternoon, on summer in the evening, with many. There were always big parties there. At that time the Sturgeon River was very clear and the fishermen also had a good time.



The Steel Bridge, 1916. This shows the recruiting of soldiers for the 233rd Regiment. The mascot of this Regiment was the black bear which is shown in this picture.



St. Albert Hockey Rink 1912. This rink which was on the Sturgeon River gave the 1912 hockey players as much pleasure as the present rink gives the 1964 players. The goalie shown was Anthony Harnois, the uncle of Mrs. J. M. Baker of St. Albert who supplied us with these very interesting pictures. Mr. Harnois, who is 77, is the only living nephew of Father Lacombe. If anyone is interested in hearing more about St. Albert 50 years ago, Mr. Harnois, a great raconteur, who lives in Edmonton.

Mrs. Baker, the former Jacqueline Silverman, married Mr. Baker in 1914. She lived, in 1930, with her grandfather, Mr. Prince, who was postmaster from 1910 to 1914. We are very grateful to Mrs. Baker for these pictures which she gave us to print in our Christmas 1964 Issue.

LIBRARY
Film Program Sunday, December 27
Between Two Wars (Pt. 1. The good bright days, 1919-1927) The eventful time-obscured years between the end of the First World War and the beginning of the Second.
A 3 For Architecture A panorama of ancient cities, palaces and temples whose splendor awed the world in kind. (Seven film series)
Rapallo Film Festival, 1964
Film Awards;

another program of stereo music from record collection. This week Hallelujah! - Great Sacred Arias on Choruses of Bach, Beethoven, Bizet, Bruckner, Giordani, Handel, Mozart, Schnabel and Schubert will be performed.

ST. ALBERT COMETS

The St. Albert Comet Hockey Team beat Morinville 6-3. Goals were scored by Danny Roberts - 2, Stan Jackson - 1, Don Harkley - 1, Al Durick - 2. There will be another game next Sunday, December 27, at 9 p.m., in the Morinville area.

TOWN OF ST. ALBERT

TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 1964

TAKE NOTICE :

Any taxes remaining unpaid after the 1st. of December of the year for which the same are levied, there shall be added thereto by way of penalty 1% on the first day of January of the next succeeding year on each succeeding year so long as the taxes remain unpaid.

Taxes paid by way of mail must be postmarked not later than December 1st, 1964, to avoid the above 1% penalty.

December 4, 1964

S. L. Bellings
Acting W. A. Treasurer

The "London Society"

Will hold

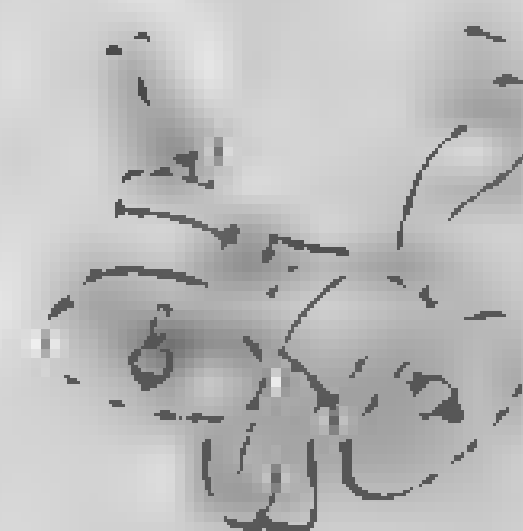
NEW YEAR PARTY

at the

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Thursday December 31st. 1964 - 9pm.

Advance Ticket Sales \$ 6.00 Each



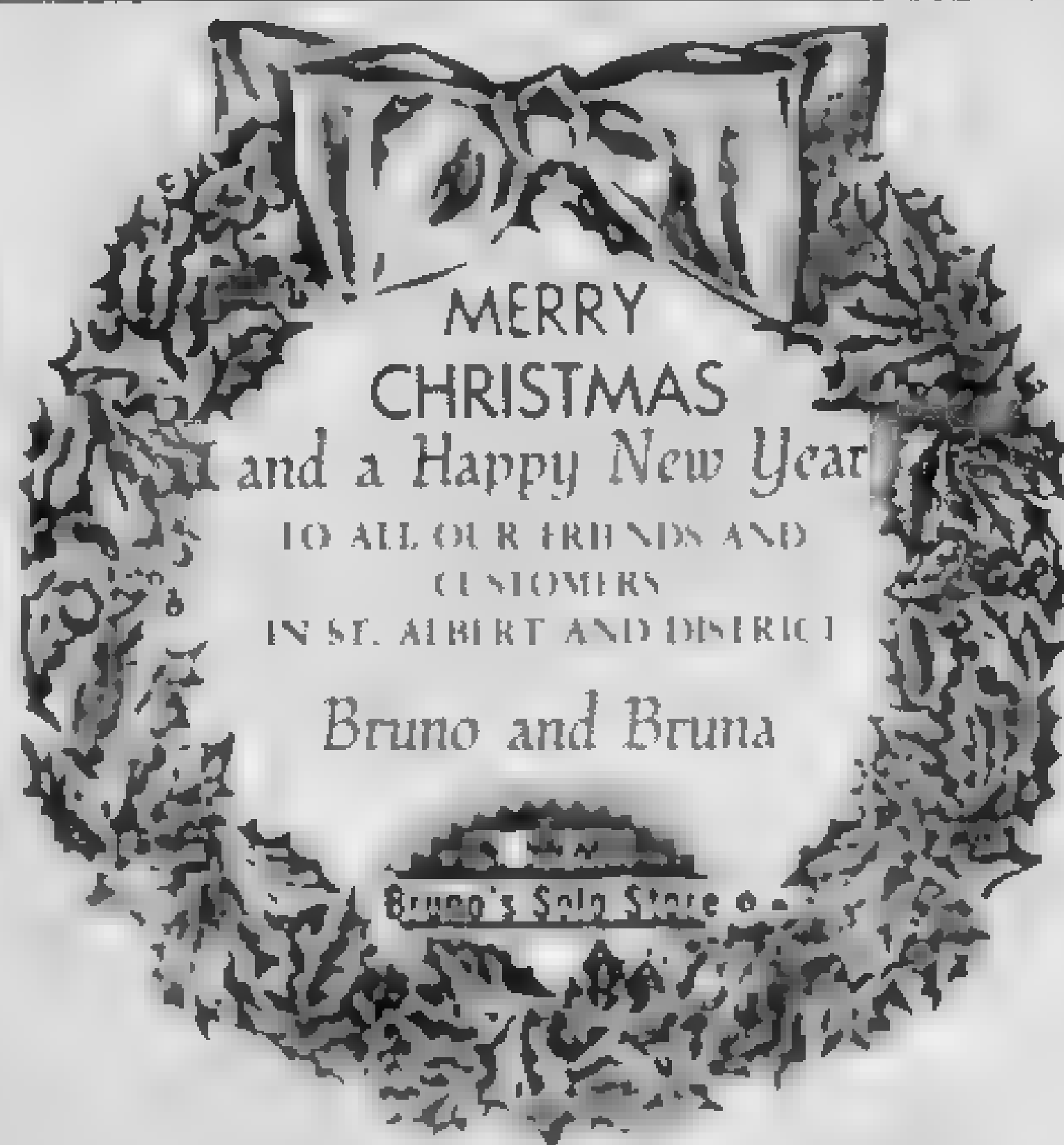
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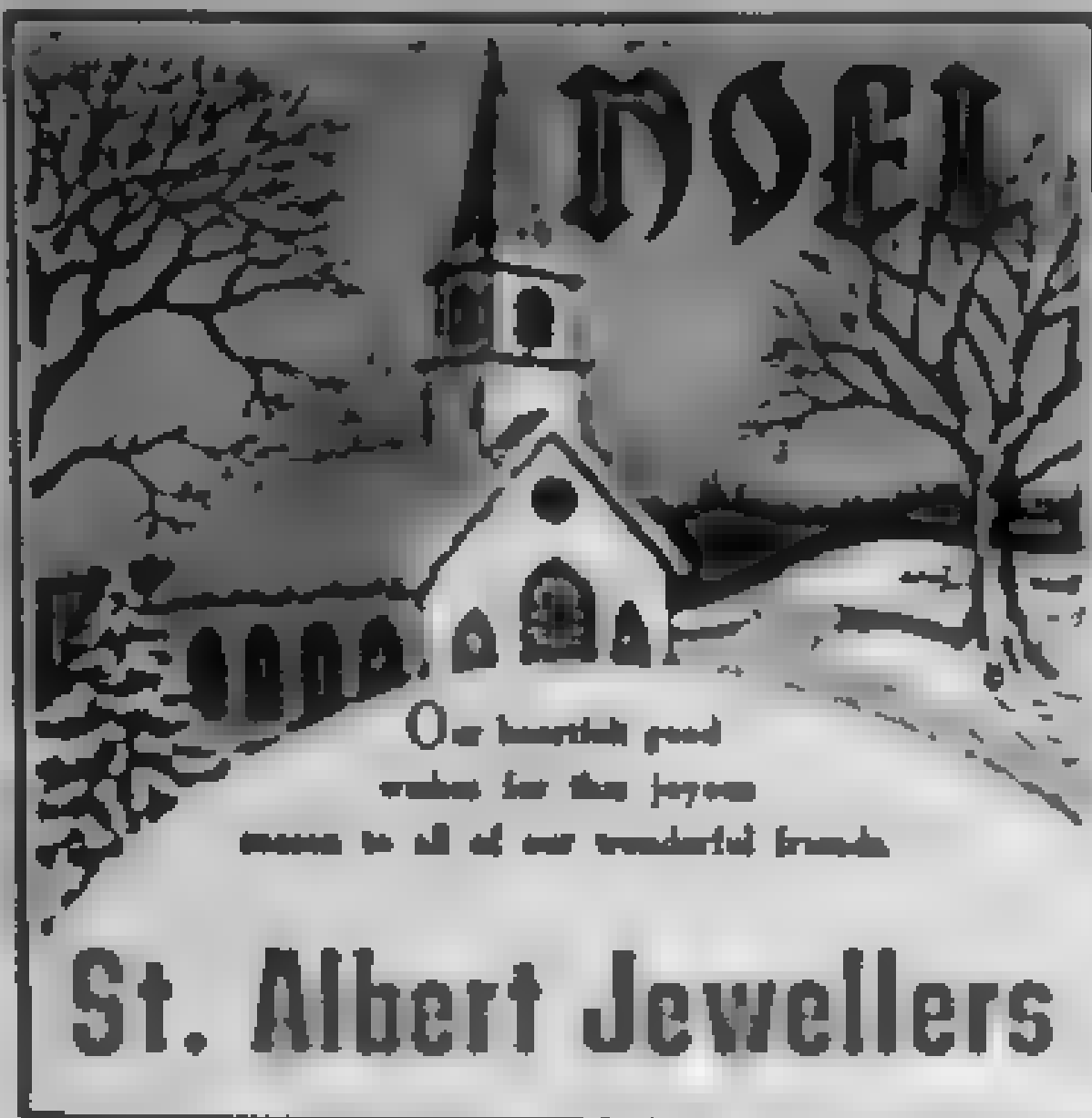
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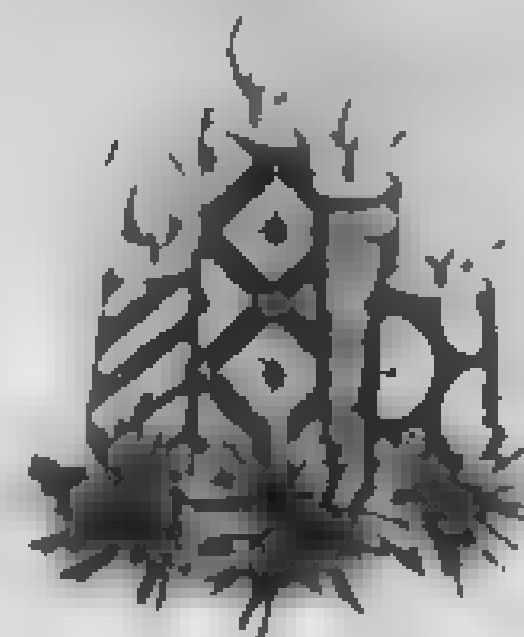
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR



ST. ALBERT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A visit from St. Nicholas

Part of the Christmas heritage of English speaking Canadian children is the jolly jangle-jangle narrative poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas." It was written in 1822 by the Rev. Clement C. Moore of New York for his own children.

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even
a mouse,
The stockings were hung by the
chimney with care,
In hopes that ST NICHOLAS soon
would be there:
The children were nestled all snug in
their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced
in their heads,
And mama in her 'kerchief and I in
my cap.
Had just settled our brains for a long
winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose
such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what
was the matter



Away to the window I flew like a
flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up
the sash,
The moon on the breast of the new
fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects
below,
When, what to my wondering eyes
should appear,
Bed a miniature sleigh and eight tiny
reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and
quick
I knew in a moment it must be St.
Nick



More rapid than eagles his couriers
they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and
called them by name
'Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now,
Prancer and Vixen
On, Comet! on Comet! on Comet and
Bitten!
To the top of the porch! to the top
of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash
away!

As dry leaves that before the wild
hurricane fly
When they meet with an obstacle,
mount to the sky
So up to the house-top the couriers
they flew
With the sleigh full of toys and St.
Nicholas, too



He was chubby and plump, a right
jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in
spite of myself
And a wink of his eye and a twist of
his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing
to dread,
He spoke not a word, but went
straight to his work
And filled all the stockings; then
turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his
nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he
rose,
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team
gave a whistle
And away they all flew like the down
of a thistle
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove
out of sight
'Happy Christmas to all and to all a
good night'



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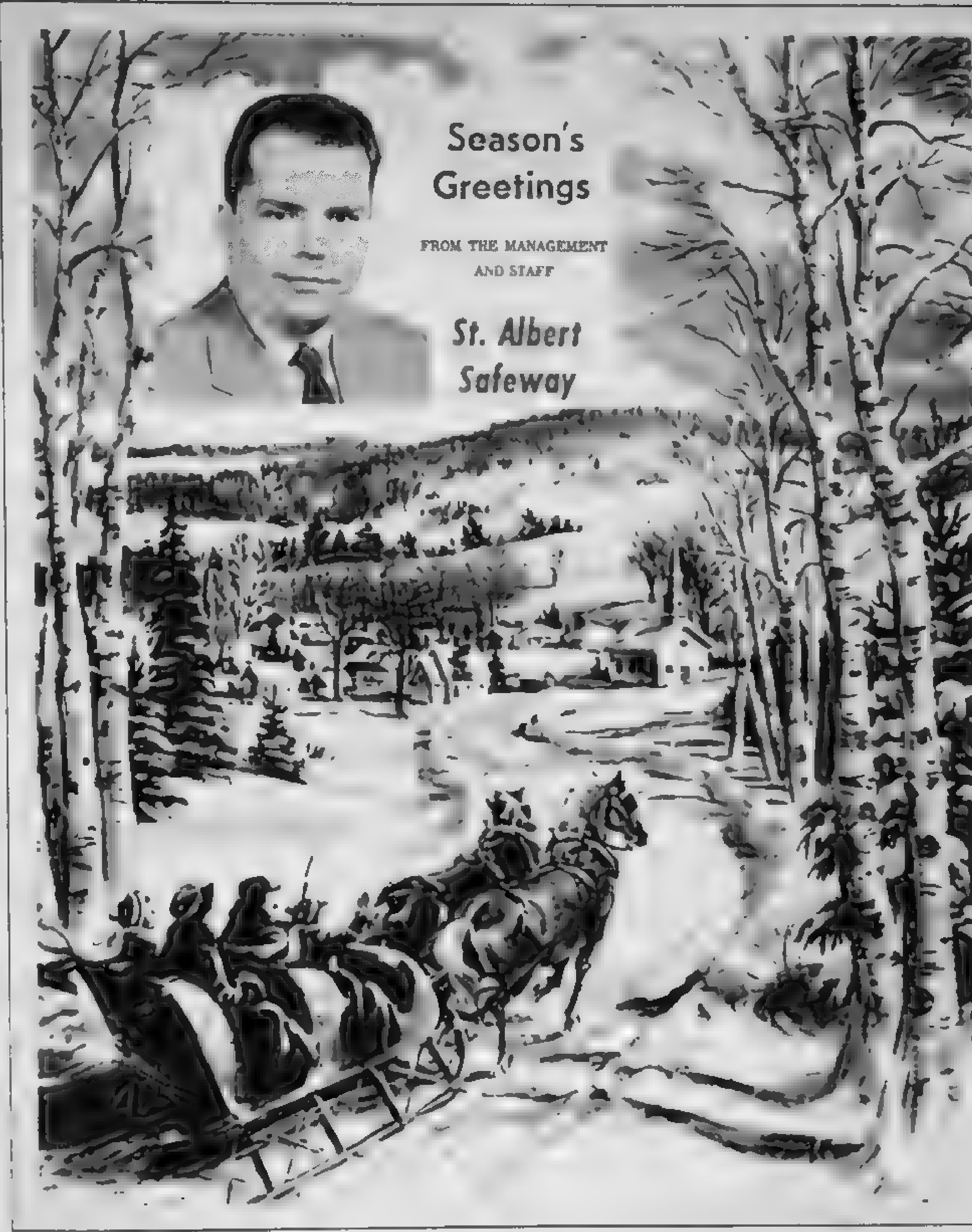
Wishing you and those
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FROM THE MANAGEMENT
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

St. Albert
DRIVE-IN THEATRE

NOTICE

ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE 1965

TOWN OF ST. ALBERT
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment of properties not subject to change for the year 1964 of the said municipality, made under the Assessment Act, has been authorized for us in the year 1965 and will be open for inspection throughout the month of January 1965, during office hours and that any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or wishes to object to his assessment or any assessment as being too high or too low must, within the said month of January, lodge his or her complaint(s) in writing to the secretary-treasurer of the municipality.

DATED AT St. Albert THIS 21st DAY OF December, 1964.

S. L. Billings,
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

TOWN OF ST. ALBERT

REGISTRATION OF DOGS 1965

Metallic DOG CHECKS may now be obtained from the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer, in the Town Hall for the registration of dogs during the year 1965.

Every person who is, within the limits of the Town of St. Albert the owner of a dog over the age of six months shall prior to January 31st, 1965, procure such dog to be numbered, described and registered for the year 1965, in the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer and shall procure from the secretary-Treasurer a metallic check upon registration. Registration fees are as follows

Dog or Spayed Bitch	\$2.00
Bitch not Spayed	\$5.00

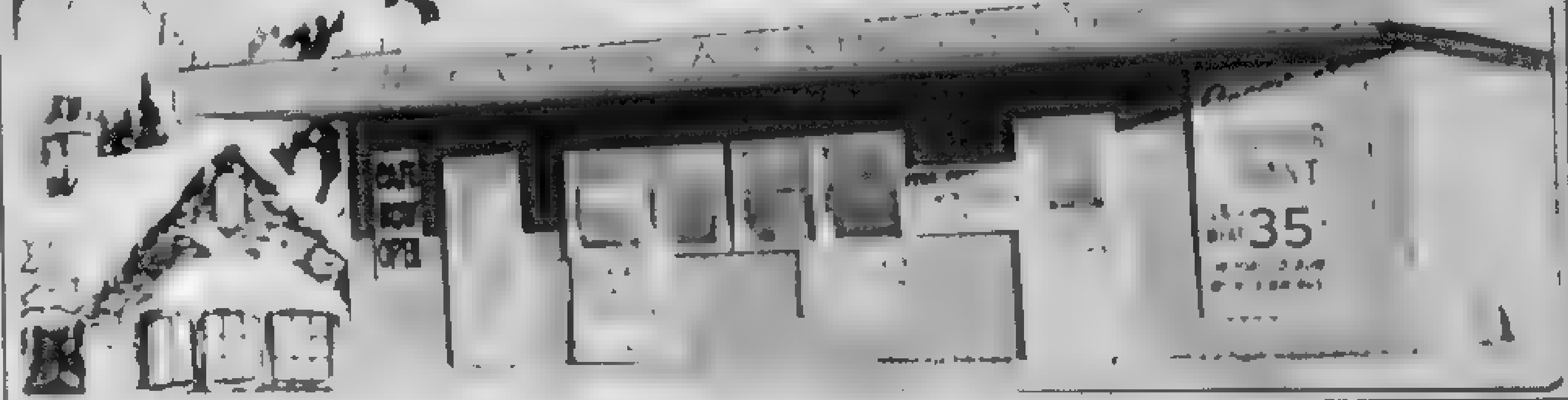
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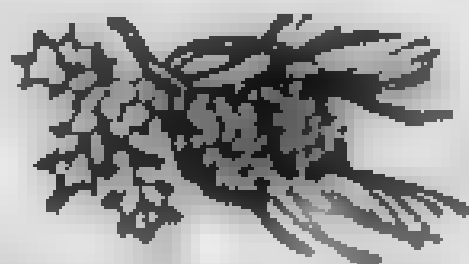
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It seems several years ago in one of the district parishes, the pastor wanted to impress upon the children the real meaning of Christmas. Beginning several Sundays before Christmas he began to en-

courage the children to come and visit the infant Jesus in the nativity scene in the church on Christmas Day, stressing that it was the Christ's birthday and that He shouldn't be lonely on His birthday. Passing by the Christmas scene on Christmas morning, the priest was taken aback when he noticed "the Infant" missing. He asked everyone in the Rectory if they had any clue as to the mysterious disappearance, but no one could answer. Later that morning, while visiting friends, a small boy came up the walk pulling a sleigh. "Good morning, Father. You needn't worry about the Baby Jesus being lonely. I put Him in my sleigh and pulled Him around the block five times. Is He ever happy?"

May the blessings of Christmas be with you and your families, and may the New Year bring you joy and happiness.

Cherchez la Femme.

CHRISTMAS RECIPE CONTEST

The winner of the 20 lb. turkey from Dave's Meat Market is Mrs. Pat MacLean,

1 Gladstone Cres., who sent in the following recipe:

Stuffed Meat Pie

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp thyme
- 1 tsp salt
- pepper

Cook together until meat turns brown. Make paste of:
2 Tbsp. flour

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
 - 1 Tbsp. curry powder
- Add to meat.

Make plain pastry. Roll out and cut into 5" circles. Drop 1 - 2 Tbsp. meat mixture on each, fold over, prick and bake at 425 for 20-25 minutes, or until brown.

May be made ahead and frozen.

SOME OF THE OTHER ENTRIES

YULE CAKE

(Makes 1 cake 9x5x3, or 2 cakes 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$)

- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shelled whole Brazil nuts (6 oz.)
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shelled walnut halves (6 oz.)
- 1 cup pitted dates
- 1 cup chopped candied orange peel (8 oz.)

- 1 cup green maraschino cherries, drained
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

1. Grease bottom and sides of loaf pan or pans; line bottom with waxed paper; grease paper.

2. Place Brazil nuts, walnuts, dates, orange peel, red and green cherries and raisins in large bowl.

3. Measure flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into sifter; sift over fruit, mix well.

4. Beat eggs in small bowl until light and fluffy; add vanilla; blend thoroughly

ly into nut-fruit mixture; spoon into loaf pan; spread evenly.

5. Bake in slow oven (300 F) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours for large loaf pan, or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours for small pans, or until firm on top. Near the end of the baking time, brush top of cake with some of the maraschino cherry syrup, to glaze, if desired.

around edges; turn out on wire rack;

Store wrapped in refrigerator.

need to be stored to mature -- and the

ty. No icing is necessary.

Mrs. Douglas Pav,
76 Grandin Road,
Box 1118

CRANBERRY ORANGE SPREAD

Sift together:

- 2 cups flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup sugar

Take juice and rind of 1 orange and 2 Tbsp. shortening and boiling water to

make 1 cup fluid. Add, with 1 beaten egg, to dry ingredients.

Add 1 cup chopped nuts and 1 cup firm cranberries, cut in pieces. Mix. Pour into greased bread pan. Bake in moderately slow oven (325 F) for 1 hour. Store 24 hours before using.

Mrs. Dave Barry,
R. R. 1

BAKED SWEET AND SOUR SPARERIBS

- 1 lb. spareribs
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 cup finely chopped green pepper
- 1 clove finely chopped garlic
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1 cup water
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. soya sauce

Heat oven to 450 F. Cut ribs into serving pieces. Lay in shallow roasting pan in a single layer and bake 30 minutes.

Prepare sauce while ribs are cooking. Melt butter in pan. Add onion, parli celery and green pepper and cook gently until almost tender. Measure water, add cornstarch, stirring until smooth. Blend into butter mixture gradually, stirring constantly. Add pineapple juice, water and bouillon cubes and heat gently, stirring constantly until boiling. Turn down heat and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in sugar, vinegar and soya sauce. Remove ribs from oven and pour off fat. Reduce temp to 35 F.

Spread ribs with sauce. Cover loosely with foil. Return to oven and cook 15 minutes, basting occasionally. Remove foil and cook 30 minutes more, basting occasionally. (Serves 4)

Mrs. G. Hornum,
6 Birch Drive.

Nesselrode Pie

Ingredients

- 1 cup ground Brazil nuts
- 1 cup ground walnuts
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp soft butter or margarine

Filling

- 1/3 cup finely diced candied fruit
- 2 Tbsp. sliced candied cherries
- 1 cup light rum
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatine
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 cups light cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, separated

Method

For crust, mix together nuts and sugar. Spread soft butter or margarine over bottom and sides of 9" pie plate. With back of spoon spread and press in crumbs. Bake in hot oven 400F for 10 minutes or until crust golden brown. Chill well.

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CHRISTMAS RECIPE CONTEST

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Ordinary baked pie shell may be used or a graham cracker crust.

Place candied fruits and cherries in bowl and pour rum over. Let soak while preparing filling.

Soften gelatin in cold water.

Beat cream until hot in double boiler.

Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and softened gelatin. Stir until dissolved.

Beat egg yolks slightly, stir a little of the hot cream into them, then stir rapidly into cream mixture in top of double boiler. Cook over simmering water until mixture is thickened and coats back of metal spoon. Pour into a bowl and chill until thickened, stirring often.

Beat egg whites until frothy. Gradually add remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks are formed. Fold into cooled custard along with fruits and rum. Mix well. Chill mixture a little longer if needed, until it mounds when dropped from spoon. Stir often.

Spoon into chilled crust and garnish with edges with additional candied fruits. Chill several hours before serving. Serves 8.

Three-Tone Wafers

- 2 cups sifted flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
- 1 pkg. (3 oz) cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 sq. (1 oz) unsweetened chocolate.

Melted.

Sift first three ingredients together and set aside. Mix butter, cream cheese and sugar till creamy; beat in yolk and vanilla. Work in flour mixture then walnuts. Divide dough in half; stir chocolate into one portion. Roll each portion of dough between sheets of waxed paper into rectangle $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick. Peel off top papers. Turn chocolate onto vanilla. Transfer from paper to lightly floured pastry cloth and roll $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick. Cut into narrow strips, about 5" long. Place on ungreased cookie sheet, turning ends to form canoe. Bake at 350F for 10 minutes or till canoes start to brown. Remove to rack to cool.

Makes about 5 doz. cookies.

Mrs. J. Bengert,
12 Salina Dr.

Another delightful use of the season's favourite, mince meat.

Mince Meat Tarts

- 1 brick vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup mince meat (more, if desired)

- baked 8" pie shell
- 2 egg whites
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cream of tartar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp almond extract

Soften ice cream slightly, fold in mince meat. Pour in baked pie shell and place in freezing compartment for 1 or 2 hours. Just before serving, top with meringue

Meringue

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until frothy. Slowly beat in sugar, then beat until stiff and glossy. Beat in almond extract. Cover top of the pie making sure meringue touches pie shell all around. Bake at about 400 for 8 or 10 minutes. Serve immediately.

Mrs. E. A. A.

Greenview Cres.

Wool's Century Old Christmas Cake

- 1 lb. butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
- 4 lb. seedless raisins
- 1 lb. mixed fruit (or peel)
- 2 lb. glazed cherries (red & green)
- 1 lb. almonds
- 1 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup light molasses
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups brandy
- 14 eggs, separated

Cream butter and sugar well, add egg yolks, then molasses. Sift flour, baking soda and spices together. Mix one cup of mixed flour and spices with the fruit and nuts.

Add alternately the flour mixture and brandy to the butter and egg yolk mixture, beginning and ending with the flour mixture. Add fruit and nuts. Mix well.

Fold in beaten egg whites.

Bake in loaf pans at 275F for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours.

Mrs. Holly Pickle
34 Swallow Cres.

This is very big with the small fry!

- 2 cups once sifted flour
- 1 cup corn starch
- 1 tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- 1 cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup lightly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla
- pecans.

Blend all together. Arrange split pecan halves in groups of 5 on greased baking sheets to resemble head and legs of turtle. Mould dough into balls and press lightly onto nuts. Use rounded

teaspoonful of dough for each, so tips of nuts will show when baked. Bake in moderate oven 350 for 15 minutes. Cool and frost tops with chocolate frosting.

Mrs. Pauline Sverdrup
7 Senora Drive

Spiced Beef

Have your butcher cut a 12 lb. rump roast and put a piece of suet in the middle and tie.

Rub meat with the following: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. brown sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp. salt petre. Let meat stand at room temperature over night.

Make the following brine:

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. allspice
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cloves
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. salt
- 1 gal. water

Boil the above brine, leave at room temperature overnight.

Place roast in the brine in a crock and turn beef every other day for three weeks, being sure to have the meat weighted down. At the end of three weeks take factory cotton and tear it in strips of about 2" in width and wrap the meat completely with the cotton. You will find that you will have to sew the strips in order to keep it tight. Boil this meat in clear water about 3 hours. When it has been boiled remove from the water and place it on a board and again weight it down with about 20 pounds. This beef may be stored in the frig but keep it covered, do not unbind the cotton from around the roast as it will tend to dry somewhat. It will keep for approximately 2 weeks if your family will allow it.

Cut very thin.

This is an old family recipe that has been handed down for many generations. I have found that it is not necessary to keep it in the brine for the full 3 weeks but approximately 2 will do, and if using an 8 lb. roast I have left it only 10 days.

This is wonderful to have at Christmas time.

Velma W. Rogers
18 Birch Drive.

ERRY Cheese Cake

- $\frac{1}{2}$ box Graham wafers (crushed)
 - $1\frac{1}{3}$ cup white sugar
 - $2\frac{2}{3}$ cup butter
 - 1 Tbsp flour
 - 25 - 30 cherries (halved)
 - 12 whole cherries
- Cream butter, add sugar, add flour and crumbs, mix together. Press $2\frac{2}{3}$ of this into greased 8x8 pan. Set $1\frac{1}{3}$ aside. Mix 8 oz. cream cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white sugar, 1 beaten egg, 1 tsp. vanilla. Add halved cherries. Place 12 whole cherries over base and sprinkle with remaining $1\frac{1}{3}$ cup crumbs. Bake 20 minutes at 350. Then chill in frig.

Mrs. Doreen Pollard,
10 Granite Ave.,

CHRISTMAS STORY CONTEST

There were a surprising number of entries in the Christmas Story Contest. The quality was on a high level and the stories were very original, making it hard to judge. However, after serious consideration, we have decided to award the prize to Michael H. Lion, whose story "The First Christmas" appears in this issue.

We would like to give honorable mention to 11 year old Teresa Hanna, who is in grade 6 at St. Albert School. We are sure the children will enjoy this heart warming story.

Our thanks to all the writers for their interest in our contest and for their community spirit. We hope to see stories from you in our next issue for our annual Christmas Story Contest.

The First Christmas

by Patricia Hamilton

Christmas Eve and no chance of snow. In fact I doubt if it has snowed here in the entire history of the world. What I see from my window makes me doubt it even more. Rice paddies stretch green to the horizon, water buffalo sport and wallow in water-filled ditches, and little brown children run and laugh under swaying coconut palms. No, there is no use even hoping for a white Christmas. St. Albert seems farther away than ever. Last Christmas, only a year ago I was there, and how I love Christmas in Canada. We went on sleigh rides, the snow crunched under our feet on the way to church, the nights were cold and clear. We sang carols and wrapped gifts; inside the trees were decorated with tinsel and outside with bits of lacy snow. It is the snow I keep remembering - the clean sparkling snow. Now, Asia is home.

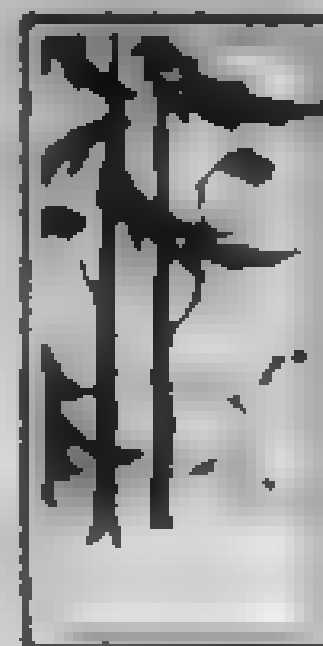
Lao is an ancient kingdom. The people laugh when I say Canada will be one hundred years old soon. They know legends passed down in their own families who have lived on the same plots of land for hundreds of years. They laugh at my own youth too. Yet, they show me great warmth and courtesy. When we meet or part they exchange with me the traditional Buddhist greeting - head bowed over folded hands - this is an honor to me. I interest them. A small light-skinned Canadian nurse trying to show them better ways to live. The humidity, coupled with the intense heat, makes me limp and damp. They laugh at my forlorn hairdo, and I have to laugh too, when I see my reflection in a puddle of water. I teach small classes and when the formal lessons are over I tell them many things. Sometimes I am invited to their huts-on-stilts and other times I invite them to my hut-on-stilts. We sit Lao fashion on reed mats, drink tea and laugh much. Thinking of home I tell them of Christmas, the celebrations and the snow. Snow? From the kerosene refrigerator I chip some snow and they laugh at the touch of it. We all take an ice cube to suck. The questions go back to the celebrations. Parties are good. Parties make you laugh and forget. Let's have a Christmas party! They are excited. I survey them - five Christians and an infinite number of Buddhists at a Christmas party? Yet, I think, God can see only the good will in the hearts of us all. We will have a Christmas party.

The American doctor, his wife, two children and I pool our party information. Everything has to be adjusted to materials at hand. Our record collection is meagre but varied. "Silent Night" to "Limbo Rock". Decorations are hung on small pine trees; bamboo makes wonderful candle holders and bonbon dishes new hospital sheets are borrowed for table cloths. There are nuts, fruit, candy, and the doctor's wife has somehow baked a cake in a makeshift oven over a charcoal brazier. The pig is on the outside spit. All night the boys will spell each other turning him. An apple is ready to pop into his mouth before the grand march into the dining room. Of course there is rice - rice in a hundred and seventeen different ways - or so it seems. Perhaps I can catch the mail helicopter into Pakne in the morning to get my hair done. All is ready for the first Christmas on Khong Island.

The people have come to ask once more about Christmas. I tell the Christmas Story, again, as simply as possible in my faltering Lao. They nod as they understand each sentence. I say, "Christ came to give peace to all men. Men from kings to slaves, regardless of their skin color, or language, or belief understood His message because it was taught with gentleness. He tried to make men more human to each other."

They nod. These Lao people squatting in a tiny thatched hut on a jungle island, trying to understand what men have muddled over for two thousand years. Suddenly one of the men sits up and smiles. "Christmas then is all days," he says.

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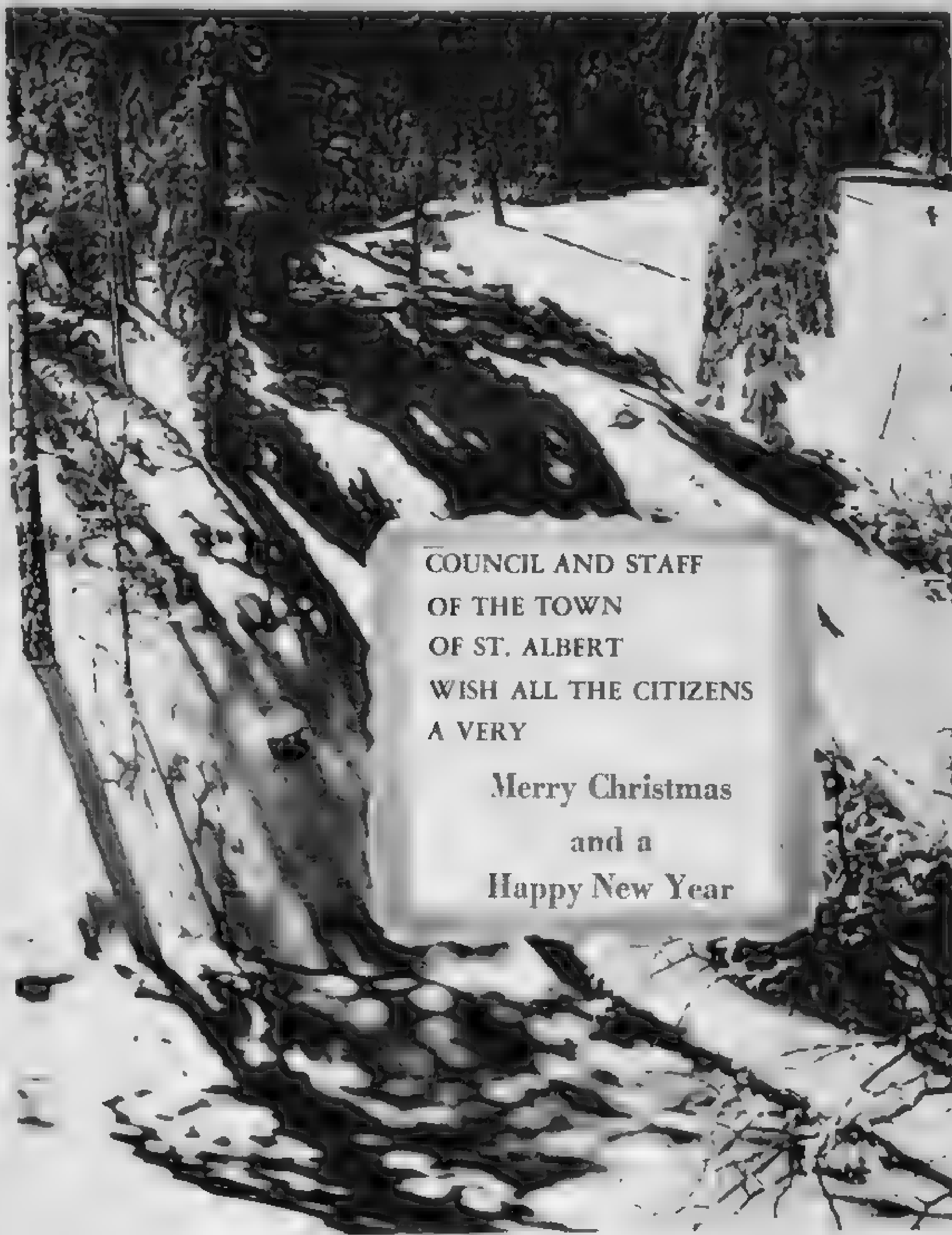
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"The First Christmas" continued from page 20

"Yes" I say. "That is the meaning of Christmas. Unfortunately we Christians do not always remember. That was the message of Christ - but it is difficult..." They nod. "Sometimes, though," I continue, "there are men who do remember. To them everyman is 'brother' on all days."

They smile and whisper and nod. Then one says quietly, "Thanh No! Thanh No! He remembered all days."

This time I nod. I look down at the small, whitewashed hospital built in the name of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley and run according to his plan. The plan is very simple. No profit is made, no religion preached, no politics taught - but we have Christmas every day. Who needs snow anyway?

(Author's note: Miss Marge Alberding, a former resident of St. Albert, is now part of a medical team for the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Foundation on Khong Island, Laos. The place, the people and the party are real, only the conversation is fiction. "Thanh No" is Lao for "Honorable Doctor" and is used to refer to the late Dr. Dooley. Any money received for stories written about this work is turned over to the Foundation.)

... AND THE ANGELS DID SING

by Kerrie Hawes

This is a story of a Grandmother donkey telling her grandchildren about how she carried Mary to Bethlehem.

"Grandma, please tell us a story about when you were a young girl," pleaded Joan and Timmy the young donkeys.

"Ah, the old days. I remember them well, the hot golden sand, the wind swept dunes, and my little house under a date palm tree. It was a grand life."

"Not that part, Grandma, the one about Joseph and Mary. You know."

The old donkey's mind had been recalling the good days when she was young.

"Hmmm", she said in a dreamy voice before she realized that Joan and Timmy were asking her something.

"Yes, children, I will," she said. "Well, it was an unbearable hot day, the sun was beating down without mercy on the poor creatures of the desert, when I first saw two travel weary people, a kindly looking man with a dusty grey beard and a beautiful woman with a ragged shawl. The woman was having difficulty walking and her face was ashen. The man was talking to her, trying to persuade her to sit down and rest. She finally gave in and collapsed in my yard. Little did I know then that I would be chosen to carry Mary to Bethlehem.

Joseph gently removed Mary's shawl and laid it over her. In a few minutes she was asleep. But I saw her face and I'll never forget it. It was like an angel's face. Her hair was a beautiful ebony color, her face soft and delicate. Ah yes, a true messenger of God."

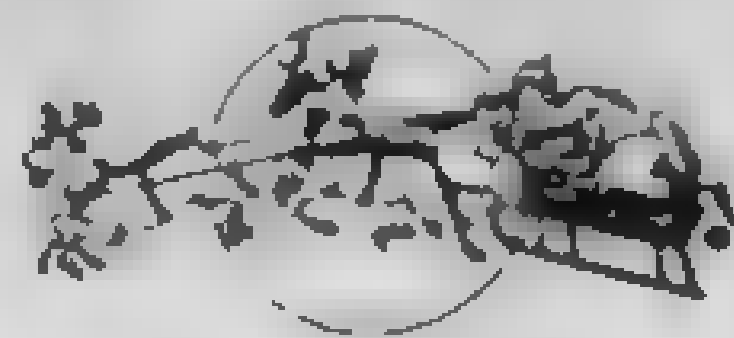
"What happened then, Grandma?" the eager voices of two grandchildren spoke up.

"Please, children, I'll get there, just give me time," replied the weary old donkey.

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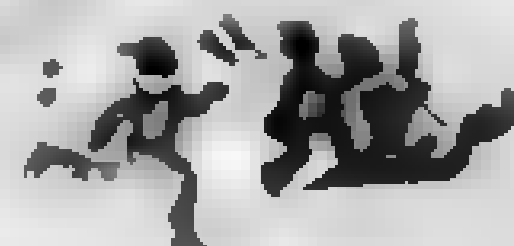
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*"And the Angels did Sing
continued from page 22*

"Oh yes, it was several hours later Mary woke up and tried to stand. Her knees buckled under her and she fell to the ground with a moan. Joseph rushed to her aid. Poor Mary, I remember how pale she looked. But she never complained, she just said simply in a low voice, "We must continue our journey." But Joseph said, "No". Here he stopped because he saw me. He said, "Maybe this gentle ass will help us in our time of need." Upon hearing this, I weakly stepped forward and knelt.

"Ah! Dost thou understand me, gentle creature?" Joseph helped Mary onto my back. I was ashamed because I was caked in dirt. Mary didn't seem to mind and neither did Joseph. It was midday when we started and we were but 15 miles from the town of Bethlehem. It was a long and tiring journey.

We plodded along at a slow rate. I knew Mary was ill and weak. I tried to hurry but be gentle at the same time. I knew she needed to lie down so she could bear her baby.

It was 5 miles from town that Mary fell off me and landed in the dust by the roadside. Joseph ran to her side and gave her some water out of a goatskin gourd. Mary thanked Joseph and got to her feet. I knelt and she climbed on me.

It was night when we reached Bethlehem. I could see a bright star in the sky. I couldn't figure out what it was for, but later I knew. We clopped along on the cobbles.

Joseph's feet hurt, but not a word did he utter. We came to a little inn where Joseph inquired if there was a room. The innkeeper, a short little man, with beady eyes, rebuffed Joseph and told him to go to the inn down the street, there they needed a few more roomers. Joseph was downcast but he led me to the other inn. Here again, there was no more room, for everyone was here for the taking of census. But this innkeeper could see that Mary desperately needed a place to room.

"I can see thou needest a room. I do not have one, but I have a clean stable that thee can use." The innkeeper led us to the stable where I knelt and Mary slid off. She was grateful to the innkeeper and she said, "God will remember thee."

The innkeeper left and Joseph made Mary's bed and helped her lie down. He then made a bed for me, and one for himself. He asked Mary if she would like him to stay with her. Mary said no, she would be alright. Joseph then lay down and within a few minutes was asleep on the hay. It was then I saw that the star seemed to be increasing in size and brightness. I slept.

Several hours later I woke to the wail of a baby. I looked and there was a blinding light, a holy light. Mary held a baby in her arms. Jesus, she named Him. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, and below was a manger filled with sweet, clean hay. Around Mary's head there was a circle of radiant light. The

in the barn seemed to understand that something holy had happened. I looked up - "What's this? Yes, Joan, it was the Three Wise Men, bearing gift on their camels. There were old shepherds and young herders and several sheep. And above, in the bright starry sky there were angels singing, "Peace on earth? "Yes, children, it was a heart warming sight" sighed the old donkey. She looked down at Joan and Timmy. Both were asleep.

"Oh well, I know you know the story by heart, so sleep little ones, sleep." As she said this, she brushed more hay on her grandchildren and she herself went to bed, still dreaming of the days when she was young.



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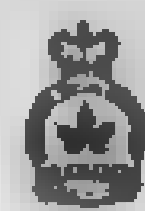
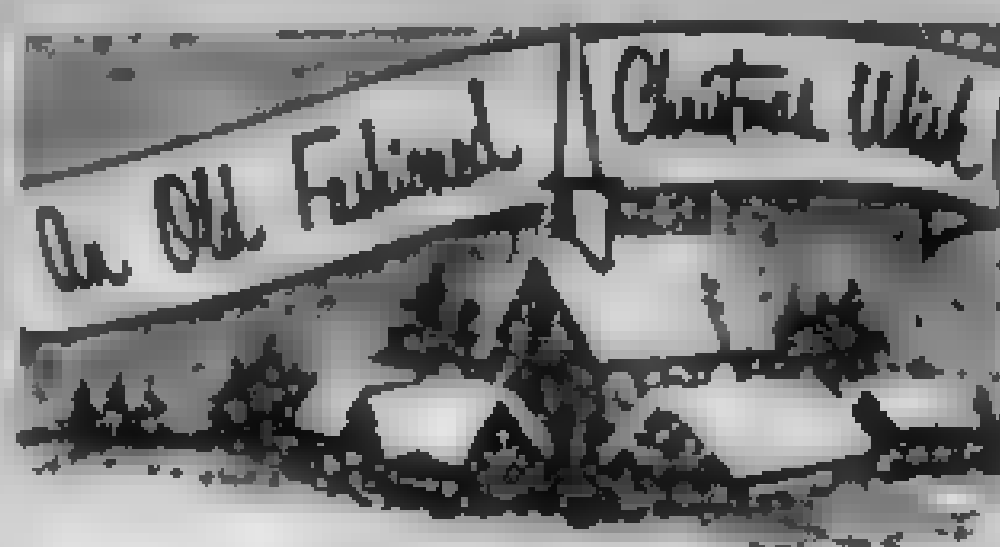
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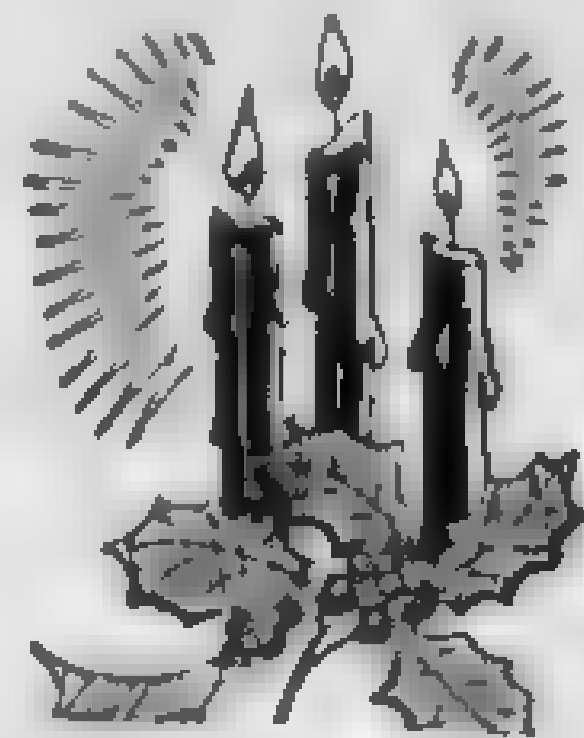
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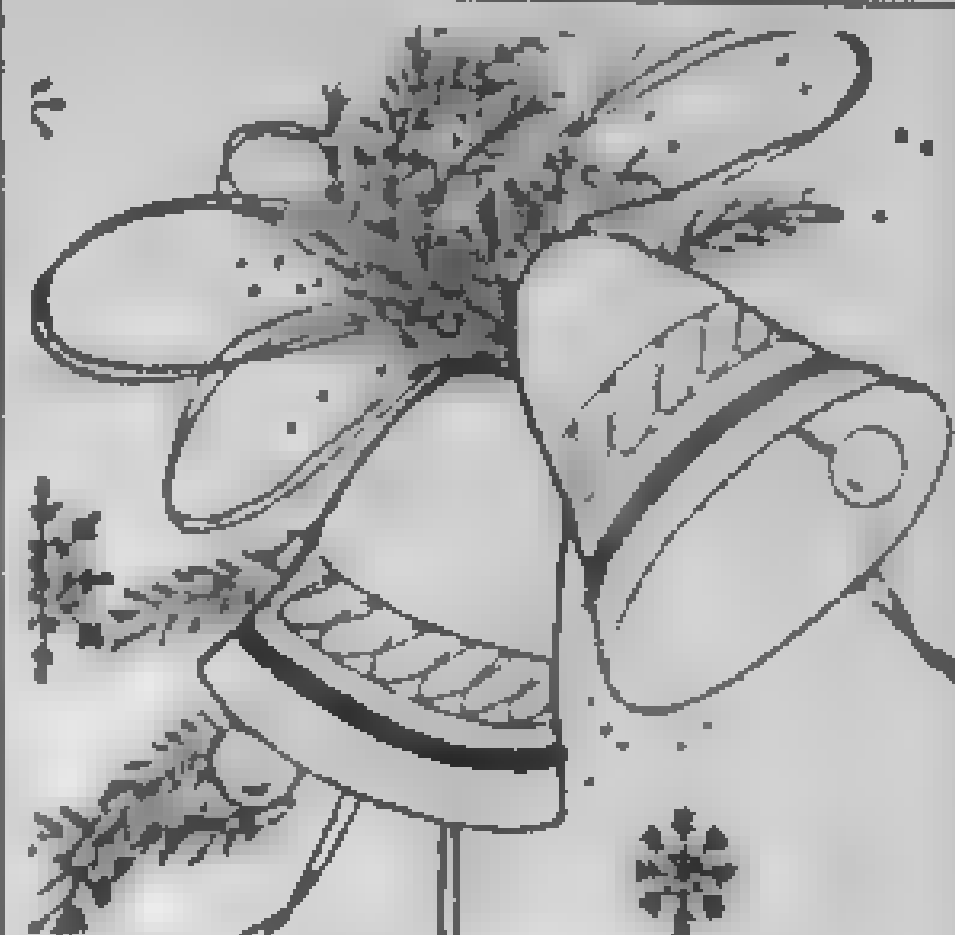


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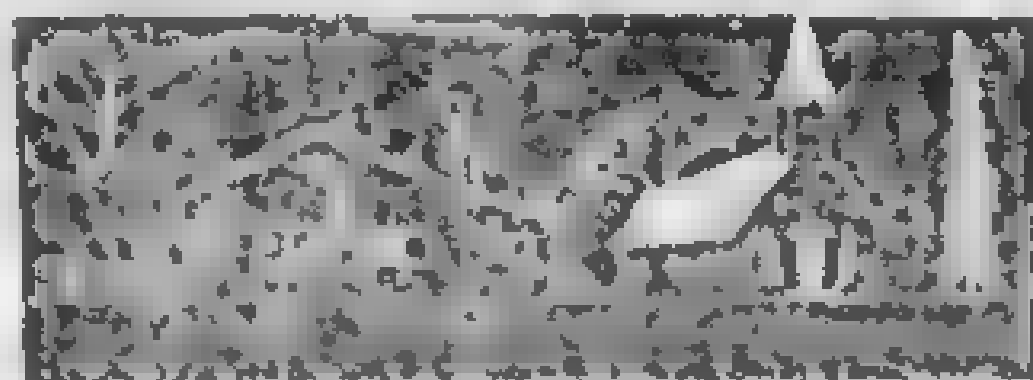


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At 7:30 p.m. the Choir presented an hour and a quarter of Christmas music. The selections were drawn from a number of countries, both European and North American, and from a number of periods in the Church's history. Beside the full choir, a number of selections were presented by trios and by soloists. This is the first such program presented by the choir under the direction of Mr. Gerald Crowdis. Mr. Crowdis has been with the Choir since October of this year, prior to that he led the choir at Trinity Church, Calgary, for three years. A Maritimer by birth, Mr. Crowdis has worked in western Canada as a lay-missionary, a school teacher and a welfare worker.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service in the Church at 8 p.m. This will be a family service consisting of Christmas Scripture readings, Choral offerings and congregational hymn singing. Everyone is welcome to attend. A service of Holy Communion will be held following the Service for those who wish to remain.

Sunday, Dec. 27 Morning Service 11 a.m. Mrs. B. Crookery will be at the organ.

Sunday, Jan. 3 Morning service 11 a.m. Communion will be served following the Service. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. 3rd in the series on the Creed and the service of Rededication for members of the U.C.W. Coffee will be served in the Lower Hall, following the service. Everyone is welcome.

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